MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under correspondence with the Municipal Councils.

The Civil Courts' Guide.

229. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the hardships caused to legal practitioners by Rules 453 and 490 of the *Civil Courts' Guide*?

(*b*) If petitions of grievance have been received by the High Court from members of the Bar, will they be pleased to ascertain the number of such petitions and the action taken upon them?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Drought in South Travancore.

230. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether anything was done to cope with the excessive drought that was prevalent in South Travancore during the last Kanni season for cultivation; and

(*b*) whether they have received any report about these distressing conditions from the Agricultural or any other department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A meeting of the Kodayar Central Irrigation Board was held on 15th Karkatakam 1103 under the presidency of the Dewan Peishkar, President of the Board, to consider the irrigational situation in South Travancore and the distribution of water for the Kanni crop of 1104 and the Board passed a resolution that all lands (both regular and irregular conversions) under the Kodayar Project should be allowed to share the benefit of the supply of water from the Kodayar Reservoir as far as possible. The Executive Engineer, Nagercoil Division, was requested by the Dewan Peishkar to make necessary arrangements accordingly and water was distributed to all lands including the conversions at the extreme tail ends.

(*b*) No report was received from the Agricultural or any other department on the subject.

Disposal of Puduval Cases in the Kottarakara Taluk.

231. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of *puduval* cases disposed of on registry in the different months of the year 1103 till the 1st of Mithunam 1103 in the Kottarakara taluk; and

(*b*) if there is any large variation between the numbers of the different months, the reasons for such variation?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The information required is given below :—

Month.		*No. of cases disposed of.*
Chingam	...	66
Kanni	...	30
Tulam	...	15
Vrischikam	...	99
Dhanu	...	159
Makaram	...	69
Kumbham	...	49
Minam	...	97
Medam	...	46
Edavam	...	57

(*b*) The final disposal of Revenue cases depends upon several circumstances. In view of this, the number of cases disposed of in the different months of a year cannot be the same and it must, in the nature of things, vary.

Disposal of cases by District Judges and District Munsiffs.

232. MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether District Judges and District Munsiffs are showing disposal of cases as per the minimum out-turn demanded of them by the High Court and the Government ;

(*b*) whether the minimum out-turn demanded of a Judicial Officer has been fixed on the basis of the average number of cases filed in his court so that the disposals may keep abreast of the files in the court ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, what special method they will adopt effectively to work down the inevitable arrears that will accumulate in each of the courts ?

(2) Will they be pleased also to lay on the table a comparative statement showing the number of cases annually filed in each of the District and Munsiffs' Courts in the State, and the number annually disposed of by each one of those Judicial Officers during the last five years (1099 to 1103) ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) The attention of the member is invited to the quarterly reviews of the work of the Judges and Munsiffs published in the *Government Gazette*.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The question of Laws' Delays is engaging the attention of the Government.

(2) Statements* showing the file and disposal in each of the District and Munsiffs' Courts of the State during 1099 to 1103 are laid on the table.

Authors of Vernacular Text-Books.

233. MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

**Vide* Appendices IV A and IV B—pages 451-454.

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